

## SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

## General Notes of Society and Personal Items.

## Recent Social Events in Topeka and Vicinity.

## Items of Interest About Topeka People and Visitors in Town.

(All communications to this department must give the full name and address of the writer. Anonymous personals and descriptions of social affairs will not be published.)

## SOCIAL EVENTS FOR THE WEEK.

**MONDAY**—The Dertlich Music club will meet this evening in Mr. von Dahlen's room. Mr. and Mrs. George M. Stone will entertain at cards this evening.

**TUESDAY**—The Bohemian club will meet in the evening with Mrs. Edwin Lange.

**WEDNESDAY**—The O. N. O. club will give their regular dance at Wetherill's hall.

**THURSDAY**—Mr. and Mrs. Frank Whitman will entertain at cards in the evening. Mr. and Mrs. H. Case will entertain in the evening in honor of the fiftieth anniversary of the marriage of Mrs. Case's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Almon Benton.

**FRIDAY**—The Viennese club will dance at Harmony hall. The informal club will dance at 230 o'clock at the home of Mrs. E. T. Sim at 703 Taylor street. Miss Grace Weiss will entertain informally at cards in the evening.

**SATURDAY**—The Happy Hoppers will give their regular dance at Hudson's hall.

## Mrs. Rodgers Entertains.

Mrs. A. A. Rodgers gave a pleasant little party Saturday afternoon at her home on Monroe street, complimentary to her niece, Miss Andrews of Washington, Kan. Part of the afternoon was devoted to a missing word contest. Miss Mabel Quigley, the winner received a fragrant bunch of roses as a prize.

Mrs. Rodgers' guests were Miss Andrews, Miss Mary Thompson, Miss McFarland, Miss Lillian McFarland, Miss Atchison, Miss E. T. Sim, Miss Margaret Bear, Miss Gertrude Boughton of Lawrence, Miss Eva Day of Atchison, Miss Priscilla Alexander, Miss Mary Whitton, Miss Mary Moon, Miss Frances Moon, Miss Mary Moon, Miss Jessie Beck, Miss Sherman, Miss Helen Thompson and Miss Mabel Quigley.

## Notes and Personal Mention.

Mr. Paul Hudson went to St. Louis yesterday for a few days' business trip.

Miss Mabel Crumrine went to Chicago Saturday for a two weeks' visit with relatives.

Dr. Fred Kingsley is down from Kansas City spending the week with relatives.

The engagement of Miss Laura Douthitt, daughter of the late William F. Douthitt, to Mr. H. C. Root, is announced. The marriage will take place some time early in this year.

The Parole club will meet Tuesday evening with Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Hodgkins at their home on Taylor street.

Miss Maud Kidder is quite ill at her home on East Tenth street.

Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Whitney have moved into their new home at 819 West Sixth street.

Miss Mildred Hazelrigg of Atchison, is visiting her parents on Topeka avenue.

The ladies of the First Methodist church are going to give a musical Wednesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock at the home of Mrs. E. T. Sim at 703 Taylor street. A very entertaining program has been prepared and will be given by some of the best musical talent in the city.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Freeman entertained their card club Saturday evening at the Copeland. At the guest table were Mr. and Mrs. Paul Hudson and Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Webb. Mrs. C. R. Knauthoff, substituted for Mrs. Freeman and Mr. W. A. Alexander for Mr. Freeman. The prize, an exquisite china plate was won by Mrs. Paul Hudson.

Mrs. F. E. Wear returned from Pittsburg yesterday.

Mrs. George W. Stansfield returned this morning from a visit in St. Joe and Chicago.

Miss Annette Montgomery has returned from her home in Illinois. She has been spending the past three weeks.

Miss Bernice McDonald returned to her home in Kansas City Saturday evening, spending a few days with Miss Edna McClellan.

Mrs. F. Wahle entertained at an informal tea Saturday evening, for the members of the Epworth society.

Mr. Charles Davidson returned to Kansas City Sunday.

The Junior Endeavor society of the First Christian church will give a social in the church parlors next Friday evening.

Mrs. Charles Jones is expected home this week from St. Madison, Iowa, and other points where she has been spending the past two weeks.

The Informal Reading club will meet during January with Mrs. J. S. Coy.

Miss Lizelle Boyle has returned from a two months' visit in Arkansas City with her sister, Mrs. Charles Trowbridge.

Mrs. J. M. West accompanied by her daughter, expects to leave the first of the month for Mexico City to visit her daughter, Mrs. E. S. Rice, for a couple of weeks.

Mr. Leslie McCann left Sunday for Alexandria, La., where he is accepted a position with a drug company at that place.

Miss Genevieve Thomas who has been spending a few days with Mrs. Frank Thomas will return this evening to her home in Leavenworth.

Mrs. William McMaisters of Wichita is spending a few days with Topeka friends.

The Ladies' Reading circle will meet Tuesday afternoon with Mrs. C. D. Scott. Their young men friends have been invited to tea in the evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Trowbridge will arrive from Arkansas City to visit Mr. Trowbridge's mother, Mrs. J. A. Boyle.

Mr. John Hayes is very ill at her home at 220 Van Buren street.

George Green Challenges Walcott. San Francisco, Jan. 17.—George Green the pugilist is out with a challenge for another match with Joe Walcott at catch weights and the largest purse offered. He stipulates that the winner of the match shall challenge McCoy for the middleweight championship.

## Weather Indications.

Chicago, Jan. 17.—For Kansas: Snow flurries this afternoon and tonight; colder in north and east portion tonight. Tuesday, fair, variable winds.

Tablet's Buckeye Pile Ointment gives instant relief. It allays inflammation and heals. It is prompt in its action and positive in its effect. It is the kind that cures without pain or discomfort. It is for piles only. 50c. Tubes, 75c.

## NORTH TOPEKA.

Items intended for this column should be left at the Kimball Bldg. Co. before 9 o'clock in the morning.

Cal Leep is now clerking in the North Star grocery.

Bread, 2 lb. five cents. Gem Bakery. Call at Forbes Bros. and get prices of grocery foods.

Forbes Bros. have received a full line of Sturtevant's Poultry supplies.

No Fake. Bibles, albums and books at actual cost. Cromwell & Jeffers.

Bibles, albums and books at cost. Inventory sale. Cromwell & Jeffers.

Don't miss the clearing sale at Costley & Post, N. Topeka.

Fred Short has entered the Santa Fe shops and is learning the machinist's trade.

Miss Annie Pribble, who has been very ill for the past two months, is now able to sit up.

Mrs. Shoemaker of Horton is the guest of her daughter, Mrs. Daub of Central avenue.

Mid-Winter Clearing Sale on Shoes and Men's Hats, at Costley & Post, N. Topeka.

Rev. and Mrs. Danielson of Waterbury, Conn., arrived Saturday and are visiting Rev. Mr. Danielson's brother, Mr. Philip Danielson.

Miss Ora Huff left today for Leavenworth, where she will visit for several days. From there she will go to Kansas City to spend the remainder of the week.

Mr. Andrew Gunning of Natchez, Miss., was the guest Saturday of Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Courtney.

Mrs. George Mayer, wife of the baker, was taken seriously ill yesterday at her home on Quincy street with appendicitis.

Mrs. C. M. Stevens, wife of the night operator at the Union Pacific, arrived Saturday from Lincoln. Mr. and Mrs. Stevens will make their home here.

Mrs. C. C. Conkle and little daughter Edith have returned to their home in Canon City, Col., after a visit of a couple of months to Mrs. Conkle's parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Baker.

The Old Folks' high five club played Saturday night at the home of Dr. and Mrs. T. B. Reynolds, 126 Quindt street.

At the guests' table Mr. and Mrs. Rollin Nichols, Miss Dollie Curtis and Miss Nina Hilton played.

Captain Hawk of the Salvation Army gave a very interesting talk at the Second Presbyterian church last evening about the Salvation Army hospital, the field it covers and the good it has accomplished.

The house of E. Nash of Shorey was entered by a tramp about 9 o'clock Saturday morning, and although trunks and drawers were emptied and their contents strewn over the floor, nothing was missed. Mr. Nash is a widower, and with his son is employed at the Santa Fe shops, and as his place is left alone all day the tramp had a good opportunity.

**CLUBMEN FOR KLONDIKE.**

J. Walders Kirk Will Lead a Party of 60 to the Gold Fields.

St. Louis, Mo., Jan. 17.—J. Walders Kirk, who succeeded Barry Wall as the social editor of gravity in New York, registered this morning at the Plaza hotel.

Mr. Kirk says he is en route to San Francisco in the interest of an expedition of sixty young and wealthy clubmen of New York and Philadelphia, who will be chartered by Kirk to the Klondike. The expedition will travel in palatial cars to the Pacific coast and thence by chartered steamer to Seattle and thence to Dawson City. The party, he says, will carry an orchestra, and give the Dawson City miners a few points on fashionable garments. All the members are stockholders in a recent mining company organized by Joseph Ladue, the founder of Dawson City.

**MIDNIGHT RACE FOR GOLD.**

George Graham Stakes Off Neglected Klondike Claims Worth \$200,000.

Tacoma, Wash., Jan. 17.—With the thermometer 30 degrees below, a midnight race over 35 miles of rough mountain country in the heart of the Klondike has earned for George Graham the first prize of staking off overlooked and unregistered placer claims valued at \$200,000.

Graham was at the Canadian register's office on the afternoon of November 13, when a man rushed in and filed a claim on French Pete creek, which adjoins the richest part of El Dorado. He had discovered that in the rush to stake the Klondike district five claims on French Pete creek had been overlooked. Graham rushed to locate the others, having given the tip to three of his friends. They were followed in a wild race by 250 other miners, but succeeded in getting to the coveted ground first.

**No-To-Bacco for Fifty Cents.**

Guaranteed tobacco habit cure, makes weak men strong, blood pure. 50c. \$1. All druggists.

Stop that barking by the use of Ballard's Horehound Syrup. It arrests the cough, allays irritation of the throat and relieves congestion of the lungs in a day. It is safe and pleasant to take and never disappoints. 25c and 50c. Geo. W. Stansfield, 632 Kansas avenue, and Miller's Pharmacy, corner Sixth and Topeka avenue.

The richest of Klondike finds is Bessie Little Giant Pills. They cure not only constipation, sick headaches and biliousness, but relieve all kinds of dyspepsia. Take no substitutes. At druggists.

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Is far ahead of any blood remedy on the market, for it does so much more. Besides removing impurities, and toning up the run-down system, it cures any blood disease, it matters not how deep-seated or obstinate, which other so-called blood remedies fail to reach. It is a real blood remedy for real blood diseases.

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## TRIUMPH FOR MRS. LEITER

Now Reigns Supreme as the Queen of Washington Society.

Washington, Jan. 17.—Mrs. Levi Z. Leiter has scored a great social triumph and henceforth there will be no doubt as to her position as the queen of the well set at the national capital. She deliberately submitted the question of her superior popularity to a crucial test such as a society leader rarely invites and the result was entirely satisfactory.

Some days ago Mrs. Leiter sent out invitations for a dance to be given at her home Friday evening. Many of these invitations were received by people who had already been invited to attend a ball at the same time at Rauscher's, a place on Connecticut avenue, somewhat further west.

She is in New York or Bourneville in Chicago. The entertainment at Rauscher's was conducted under the auspices of the Small and Early club, a social organization comprising in its membership most of the aristocratic element in the permanent population of Washington.

There was a good deal of consternation when it was learned that Mrs. Leiter and the managers of the Small and Early club had fixed upon the same date for their entertainments. It was supposed, of course, that the conflict was accidental. Upon investigation, however, it turned out that Mrs. Leiter had deliberately chosen to have a dance at her house on the same night that the members of the Small and Early club had arranged to meet their guests at Rauscher's.

Mrs. Leiter waited until all the invitations had been issued and then she sent out invitations to her own little affair. It is unnecessary to say that everybody who was invited to the Small and Early club abandoned their own entertainment in order to attend the party given at the Leiter home on Dupont circle.

Mrs. Leiter's entertainment so completely eclipsed the other function that it would hardly be fair to compare the two. In one respect the managers of the Small and Early were compelled to confess that their ball was a complete failure. Not a member of the diplomatic corps was seen at Rauscher's. But the Leiter parlors were crowded with the diplomats, their wives and daughters.

Among the guests of Mrs. Leiter were the British ambassador and the Misses Leacock, Mrs. Paton, Mrs. de la Roche, the famous ambassador from France; the Spanish minister and Mrs. Dupuy de Lome, the Austrian minister and the Countess de Hohenhausen, the Belgian minister and the Countess de Lichterfeld, Count Vinet of the Italian embassy, the Mexican minister and the Count de Somow, first secretary of the Russian legation, and Mr. Dubosc, first secretary of the Spanish legation. Most of the cabinet families were represented in the list of Mrs. Leiter's guests.

**GAGE ON THE STAND.**

Secretary of the Treasury Before the House Committee.

Washington, Jan. 17.—Secretary Gage of the treasury department before the house committee on banking and currency today for a further discussion of the pending plans for currency reform. After considerable controversy among members as to how they were to be questioned, Chairman Walker made the interrogatories.

In response to questions by Mr. Walker, Mr. Gage said he had been in the banking business for 40 years; for 10 years was president of the First National bank of Chicago, with a capital of \$3,000,000 and loans and discounts of \$15,000,000 to \$20,000,000. He assented to Mr. Walker's question that he appeared as a banker and financier with long experience to aid the committee.

The chairman asked if it was possible to use paper money and keep it an equality with coin in purchasing power without the coin on hand. Mr. Gage answered that he thought not. Without the specie on hand there was a tendency to distrust, if not panic and a demand for specie.

**SOVEREIGN KANSAS.**

She Will Make Livestock Quarantine Regulations to Suit Herself.

A controversy has arisen between the state live stock sanitary commission and the national bureau of animal industry, over quarantine regulations. The international association of live stock sanitary commissions, at the recent annual meeting adopted a resolution declaring that the one set of rules for the time for the importation of cattle should be from November 15 to January 15. The Kansas law prescribes that the open season shall expire February 1.

Anticipating that misunderstandings might arise, the Kansas commission sent letters to Kansas shippers and the railroads stating that the state quarantine regulations would not become operative until February 1.

The bureau of animal industry at Washington adopted the rules promulgated by the international association, and an order was issued by Dr. D. E. Salmon, chief of the bureau, that after midnight, January 15, the quarantine regulations would be in full force and that the international association of live stock sanitary commissions, at the recent annual meeting adopted a resolution declaring that the one set of rules for the time for the importation of cattle should be from November 15 to January 15. The Kansas law prescribes that the open season shall expire February 1.

As the bureau simply adopted rules to the contrary and cannot go behind the Kansas law, because of a lack of power, Mr. Riddle replied by saying: "Because the Kansas laws provide February 1 as the close of the open season."

This was the last communication between the two officials, and the Kansas law governs shipments of cattle into Kansas.

**ENDED FOUR LIVES.**

John Matthews Kills His Family and Then Himself.

New York, Jan. 17.—A case of what appeared to be triple murder and the suicide of the murderer was discovered today when the bodies of John Matthews, his wife and two children, a boy of 10 years and a girl of 12 years, were found dead in the Matthews home on Columbus avenue.

It is supposed that Matthews murdered his wife and children and then committed suicide by shooting.

Matthews was 35 years of age and was his wife 30.

**C. M. & St. Paul Coal Supt. Dead.**

Braceville, Ill., Jan. 17.—Ramsey, superintendent of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul mines at Braceville, and widely known throughout the mining regions of America, died at his home in Braceville last night. The funeral will be held Tuesday.

## A "PLAY" PIRATE.

7,000 Copyrighted Plays in His Strongbox in Chicago.

Chicago, Jan. 17.—On Halsted street, where it intersects Monroe street, is a small shop kept by Alexander Byers. Passers-by and occasional drinkers see in it an ordinary place for the traffic in liquor. To certain men it is known to conceal the greatest treasure in the city, a complete "play pirate" plant in this country. At the present time it is believed there are no less than 7,000 manuscripts of plays locked in the rock and iron strong room in the rear.

Monday there will come before Judge Grosscup of the United States court the hearing on a bill for injunction against Byers. The complainants in the case are some of the foremost playwrights in the country. They are Bronson Howard, Archibald Claverling Gunter, Charles Hoyt, and T. Henry French. Besides these, Jacob Litt asks for justice for the play owned by him called "In Old Kentucky."

These men pooled interests and sent to Chicago for satisfaction, placing their case in the hands of Attorney Albert E. Dacy.

The traffic in these pirated plays is said to have been large. Though there is a careful watch placed around Byers' treasures in the back room, he has, at regular intervals, issued catalogues of his wares. His chief business after that, the name of the "Chicago Manuscript company," and his catalogues bear his name and the address, 102 South Halsted street.

The manuscripts, which are sold for sums ranging from \$5 to \$100, are carefully typewritten in manuscript. The copyrighted plays which he offers for sale have been obtained in various ways. The first, and what was for a long time the most popular method, was the taking down of the play in shorthand as it was produced in the theater. Now the plan, and the one which is now the favorite, is to buy the property man or some other member of the company to allow the manuscripts to be taken down after the play.

The manuscripts placed Byers under arrest and took him away to the police station. The much-coveted and much-guarded place of the manuscripts was a room in the rear of the building. The sides were arranged pigeon-holes in the rear tier. These pigeon holes were filled with manuscripts.

The most important thing, however, was the manner in which these documents were protected. The room was boarded up in the ordinary way. Against this was a solid wall of concrete, six inches in thickness, covering the four sides, save for the space taken by the door and a small barred window. In this cement wall and floor was an armor of boiler iron, riveted and bolted to the cement. It would have taken the labor of 100 men to have broken into that room.

It is said that Byers has also had agents in London and Paris, who have secured for him plays upon the first, or almost first, production, and have sent copies to him.

**ILLINOIS WOLF HUNT.**

One of the Hunters is Bitten by Big Gray Fellow.

Kankakee, Ill., Jan. 17.—A roundup of wolves was held in the vicinity of Donovan, near the county line, Saturday.

The weather was excellent for the dogs and hunters. The circle formed was six miles in diameter in the Rock creek district, the lair of gray timber wolves, which have been a great pest to stock raisers.

Nearly 500 men, mounted and on foot, assisted by several packs of hounds, participated in the hunt. At one place the hunters and wolves were killed, also several foxes.

While attempting to prevent the escape of a wolf, Wm. Walters of Donovan, was severely bitten by the infuriated beast.

**TO IMITATE OMAHA.**

Wichita Will Out Its Police Commissioners by Quo Warranto.

Wichita, Kan., Jan. 17.—Quo warranto proceedings will be brought in this city to oust the police commissioners and overturn the metropolitan police law, based upon the late Nebraska decision.

**JAIL THROWN OPEN.**

A Wholesale Escape of Prisoners Takes Place in Arkansas.

Siloam Springs, Ark., Jan. 17.—Through a wholesale jail delivery at Bentonville last night a dozen prisoners gained their liberty. Among them was the notorious Dick Brandt,